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Subject: RE: CTEH data and website- Ames Warehouse

Just a note of caution here. My impression is that this warehouse operator seems to be one of those folks who doesn't know all that much about chemicals, but can really pack a warehouse. That may be something of a disservice, but more than one of these kinds of operations wound up on the NPL. ERP can finish off the Ames Warehouse Fire lab data when it comes in and we can support work at any warehouse where conditions are unstable (e.g., the chlorine tabs that appear to be reacting). If things progress to where EPA or the State is doing removal actions at warehouses where there isn't a fire or uncontrolled reaction, we should be thinking about transitioning to traditional site support from DCHI.

In many ways, I think what is a site and what is an emergency is your call in the Regions. ERP will continue to support the regions whenever you ask. Just remember, our cupboard in ERP is pretty bare – darn near skeletal. As EPA downsizes, I believe ATSDR could wind up getting a lot more work helping to fill any gaps.

From: Edge, Charles (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 5:53 PM
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Lora

None of our templates have been cleared.

Also saving the data on the drive is a good idea. There is nothing new on there that we have seen. I looked the site on Monday.

Charles

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 2, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Helverson, Robert (CDC epa.gov) <helverson.robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Deb did not provide a schedule for final EPA data from Lab

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On Nov 2, 2017, at 4:27 PM, Werner, Lora <Werner.Lora@epa.gov> wrote:

Really appreciate this update Bob. I was wondering what was going on at this site today.

Our plan as I communicated to Fran and OSCs on Monday was that we would wait for EPA's lab analytical to come in (did Deb happen to mention schedule for that??) and then we would work up another TA email reviewing that EPA info and any CTEH analytical info available at that point.

Charles and Rich, I know you guys have a fire template started but didn't clearance of it get stymied?

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On Nov 2, 2017, at 4:16 PM, Helverson, Robert <Helverson.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

I spoke with OSC Deb Lindsey earlier today and she is in the process of downloading all of the available data from the CTEH website, since they may dismantle that website at some point (CTEH contract expired with county). She called to ask if ATSDR has plans to review any of the CTEH data in the future or not. I told her that I was not sure if we still had additional data on that website that we plan to review. Do we? I agreed with her that it is a good idea to capture all of the CTEH data in case we want it for future work, including a potential ACE/epi-aid/CASPER, but that was uncertain. She will save all of that data to the regional office shared drive and it will be accessible to us in the future.

Also, as an update – Deb is demobing today; there was a small flare up the fire department responded to yesterday; ash samples were collected yesterday and TO-15 data from START sampling is due back soon. Also, interestingly, Deb noted that one of the company's other warehouses being inspected by DEP had 1600 tons of chlorine tabs in 5 gal buckets. The chlorine set the personal monitors off and the workers were sent home following their exposures to chlorine.

The response bill so far exceeds \$1 million for the county/state, the RP may not be able to afford cleanup, the outfall data indicates a release, the ash sample may also support EPA removal actions, and EPA may be asked to step in to cleanup upon request from state. Deb also noted that one of her lessons learned is that they should have some briefing/fact sheets pre-drafted for these types of events (e.g., fires and particulate). Good idea! Haven't we been there before too?

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